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| <b>AMENDMENT</b> | Application #  | 09/740,821        |
|                  | Confirmation # | 6567              |
|                  | Filing Date    | December 21, 2000 |
|                  | First Inventor | CARTER            |
|                  | Art Unit       | 1653              |
|                  | Examiner       | Liu, Samuel W.    |
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In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003, and in conjunction with the RCE filed herewith, please amend the above identified application as follows.

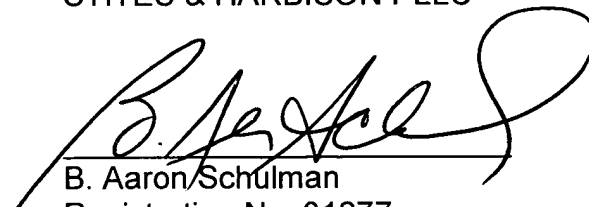
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment A**.

**REMARKS to this Amendment** are provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application for reasons as set forth in the attached remarks.

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